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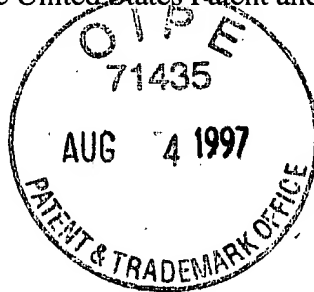
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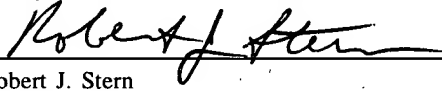
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**SECOND PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Sir:

Please enter this preliminary amendment prior to examination of the above-identified patent application.

**In the Specification**

Page 1, lines 1-2, in the section entitled "CROSS-REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATION," after "Patent 5,406,263" please delete: "; which is a continuation-in-part to U.S. Patent Application No. 07/921,037, filed July 27, 1992, now abandoned"

**In the Claims**

Please amend claims 15 and 19 as follows:

1 15. (amended) For an apparatus having an aperture [which is selectably] capable of being closed and  
2 opened by moving first and second closure members together and apart, respectively, an improved  
3 security device for [detecting] signalling whether the aperture is opened, comprising:  
4 (a) an elongated electrical conductor having first and second ends, the conductor extending  
5 between the two closure members and being attached to both the first closure member and the second  
6 closure member so that the two closure members cannot be moved apart [a substantial] more than a  
7 predetermined amount to open the aperture without breaking the conductor; and

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